## **Duties**

Note: This version of section effective until 7-1-2004. See also preceding repeal of this article, effective 7-1-2004.

- Sec. 3. (a) The commission shall do the following:
  - (1) Make recommendations to the supreme court of Indiana concerning standards for indigent defense services provided for defendants against whom the state has sought the death sentence under IC 35-50-2-9, including the following:
    - (A) Determining indigency and eligibility for legal representation.
    - (B) Selection and qualifications of attorneys to represent indigent defendants at public expense.
    - (C) Determining conflicts of interest.
    - (D) Investigative, clerical, and other support services necessary to provide adequate legal representation.
  - (2) Adopt guidelines and standards for indigent defense services under which the counties will be eligible for reimbursement under IC 33-9-14, including but not limited to the following:
    - (A) Determining indigency and the eligibility for legal representation.
    - (B) The issuance and enforcement of orders requiring the defendant to pay for the costs of court appointed legal representation under IC 33-9-11.5.
    - (C) The use and expenditure of funds in the county supplemental public defender services fund established by IC 33-9-11.5.
    - (D) Qualifications of attorneys to represent indigent defendants at public expense.
    - (E) Compensation rates for salaried, contractual, and assigned counsel.
    - (F) Minimum and maximum caseloads of public defender offices and contract attorneys.
  - (3) Make recommendations concerning the delivery of indigent defense services in Indiana.
  - (4) Make an annual report to the governor, the general assembly, and the supreme court on the operation of the public defense fund. A report made under this subdivision to the general assembly must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

As added by P.L.284-1989, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.238-1993, SEC.2; P.L.28-2004, SEC.172.